

The Mathews Alph was supplied with food from the air by the Army yesterday when the bridge leading to it collapsed under the flood.

The Bas Mathews Local Council is taking care of the Mathews Mathews from the Jewish Agency. Some of canvas huts were damaged by the rain in this work.

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## THE first Hanukkah candle

will be lit tonight to mark the Maccabee's revolt, the reconsecration of the Temple and the breaking of the Egyptian yoke over Jewish territory. It is a happy festival, one of the few in the Jewish calendar that has so many tragic dates. It is a good occasion to remember that it is not enough to create a state, or even to protect and maintain it; the essence of Israel today is not its territory or even its historic associations — how e'erwise could it survive without the Western Wall — but the restoration of the people to nationhood.

In the dispersion, Israel forgot many mental habits that are needed for nationhood, and even acquired others that are harmful to it. All over the world, at the present time, Jews learn a profound lesson in the social needs, the equal needs if not equal natures of man; a lesson learnt in the equal miseries and disqualifications of exile. The time to practise this knowledge is here and now, in the relationship to the newcomers, both those already here and those still to come.

The catastrophes of the past week have drawn government, police and particularly the army into tireless effort to lighten suffering in the flooded areas as much as possible. For the first time since the days of the "illegal" ships have brought the settled population out in thousands to help in rescue and evacuation, while all those working in the ma'abarot have uncompromisingly forgone all holiday leave.

Nevertheless suffering has been severe; let every Israeli who has felt that his privations and difficulties are due to the immigrants remember that in today's building of the nation the privations of the newcomers are infinitely greater. If the struggle of the past week has brought about a sense of solidarity and increased contact it will have helped to create the essential condition for the ultimate personal absorption of immigrants, as apart from their economic absorption.

It is often said that many of the new "mass" immigrants know nothing of the sacrifice of personal ambitions and careers and the years of back-breaking labour under health conditions worse than in any ma'abarot today that went to the making of the state in the early years, and that it is in part this ignorance that has erected barriers between the old and the new Israelis. Voluntarily or involuntarily, many of the newcomers are repeating now the experiences of the pioneers of the Eretz and Galilee. If there is to be hope of a united nation, it must be sought in the understanding of each that the other has also done his share in the making of the people.

In a modest way, The Jerusalem Post as well has attempted to make its special contribution to the creation of this link in its Toy Fund, which is just completing its successful third year. The response has been heartening as have the children who have come, each year, to make their personal contribution and to share what they have with others. May the gifts that will be distributed in much greater numbers this year serve to remind children in the ma'abarot and their parents that they are part of the nation and that their present hardships will not be forgotten.

## Eden Seen Replacing Churchill As Leader

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — The "New Statesman and Nation" declared yesterday that the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, was quickly reversing his position of right-hand man to the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, and was gradually becoming leader himself.

The "Statesman," most widely read of the Britain's left-wing weekly reviews, said that seven years ago, when the two last travelled together as Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary, there was no doubt who was the boss. However, since Churchill gave the V-sign and took the salute of the G.I.s, the "Statesman" said that the Foreign Secretary was the serious discussion.

## THE WEEK IN THE KNESSET

### Working Overtime on Budget

By GERDA LUFT

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## Reform Plans Proposed

The final voting which transferred the budget to Committee found only Herut in opposition. But this obviously does not imply that the other factions outside the coalition were willing to back the Government's budget or its economic policy. On the contrary, it became evident during the debate that even within the coalition there are members who are not satisfied with the measures proposed by Mr. Kaplan.

That one of the front benches of Mapai, Mr. Guvrin, came out with far-reaching plans for reform is a straw in the wind. His demand to maintain present rations during the coming year, even if this meant cutting down expenses for immigration and security, reveals a degree of realism previously unheard of in the House. Mr. Bernstein, who has earned a reputation for stating issues clearly, with moderation but with disregard for popular slogans, had never ventured as far as Mr. Guvrin did on Tuesday.

## Production Figures

That this is so is due to a lack of knowledge of the most salient facts. Mr. Bernstein asked two very important questions of the Minister of Finance: he wanted to know whether productivity has risen in proportion to the new investments and to the rise in population. It is obvious that an exact and detailed answer would shed much light on our economic position. That such a question could not be answered impromptu is evident and that it should be investigated with care is evident too: this type of statistic would enable the Knesset to deal more expertly with the next budget.

The debate on changes in taxation was separated from the budget discussion. This was done to give members the opportunity to concentrate on the actual changes proposed by the Treasury. It is not easy to draw an exact line between budget and taxation as they are to a large extent two sides of the same coin. It was natural that wide areas of economic policy should invade the more specialized taxation discussion.

## MUSICAL DIARY

HAZEL Scott's gala farewell recital at the Edison in Jerusalem on Wednesday (in the presence of the Prime Minister) was a delightful event, after knowing this uncommonly attractive artist only from the screen. Of irresistible charm, Miss Scott is one of the most brilliant entertainers we have ever seen. She announced the second part of her programme, "Musical Comedy — Album: Swinging the Classics," with the words: "The three B's — Blues, Boogie Woogie and Bop." Her transcription of the famous "St. Louis Blues" was an evocation of "The Birth of the Blues" and what is jazz incarnate, stamp-rhythm.

The enchanting improvisation of Percy Grainger's "Country Gardens" was a delicate weaving. Well modelled was the paraphrase on Gerahwin's "Porgy and Bess": "I Got Plenty of Nuffin," preceded by another Gerahwin medley, which started programmatically with "I Got Rhythm," leading over to "The Man I Love," (accompanied by wonderful crooning in French) and continuing with "Fascinating Rhythm," "Embraceable You," and "A Wonderful One couldn't expect more stimulating syncope."

Then there were 35 minutes of Irving Berlin's "Annie Get Your Gun": the seductive "Falling in Love is Wonderful" and with a gummy dexterity, "There's No Business Like Show-Business," a delight for orthodox believers in both formulae. The local composer Ferishko had an ideal interpreter (in Hebrew) for his "Bah el Wad" and we have rarely listened to a more outpouring rendering of "Meine Yiddische Mamma" (in Yiddish).

Histadrut Orchestra Marking "Histadrut Month" there was a celebration at the Edison on Tuesday, climaxed with a concert by the Histadrut orchestra, conducted for the first time by Dr. Tannen. A vivid and well-shaded performance of Bellini's "Norma" overture demonstrated the recent progress of this orchestra. Bisset's "L'Arlesienne" suite No. 1 could have had more colour and

but the Edison Hall is too big for such a small orchestra. The short programme ended with an effective performance of Valbe's Hora Mendora (orchestrated by S. Petruska).

Nadia Ellington-Reichert played sonatas by Mozart, Brahms and Chopin at the Tel Aviv Museum on Wednesday. Especially pleasing was her reading of the F minor sonata by Brahms. The performance not only did full justice to the youthful romanticism of the then twenty-year-old composer (at the time very much under the influence of Schumann) but also strikingly brought out the outstanding talents of the pianist — profound understanding and spiritual tone.

L.P.O. Film The press was invited last week to see three films produced by the United States Information Service. While "National Gallery in Washington" and "Tanglewood" are already well known, the film showing the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra on its American tour was premiered on this occasion. Sponsored by the State Department it runs some ten minutes. By comparison with the great adventure which the trip meant to members of the orchestra, the film appears disappointing; there are a few sequences of the orchestra's arriving in New York of Leonard Bernstein and some players visiting the roof of the Rockefeller Building and finally some flashes of the concert at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel with Bernstein conducting Brahms' Fourth Symphony.

The tour certainly deserved more interest from our own cinema and propaganda sections, as it offered a unique opportunity for the creation of a really entertaining film. No.

Starting on January 2, 1952, a course for beginners in Hebrew, restricted to English speaking students, will be conducted at the Kadima School, 74 Rehov Ben Yehuda, Tel Aviv. The group will meet twice weekly, on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. (Adv.)

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# A TRIBUTE TO DAVID YELLIN

## Jerusalem Teacher and City Father

By GAD FRUMKIN

DAVID Yellin was one of the outstanding patriarchal figures of the old Yishuv. Son of an Ashkenazi father of Russian origin and a Sephardi mother from Baghdad, his personality combined the culture of the Russian Jew with the gentle courtesy of the Oriental.

He was not only a Hebrew scholar deeply rooted in old and new literature, but a master of diction and grammar, an example to others in the correct pronunciation of Hebrew. Neatness and exactitude were expressed in his almost calligraphic handwriting. A versatile scholar in several fields of Semitics, he was an acknowledged authority in Arabic. Largely a self-taught man, he received his early education in the old Jerusalem Cheders and Yeshivot and rose to be Professor at the Hebrew University after a long and varied career of teaching. Beginning at the Alliance School in Jerusalem; then the Lemel Schule; afterwards Assistant Principal at the Seminary of the "Hilfsverein der Deutschen Juden" under Ephraim Cohen the creator of Hebrew education in Palestine; and finally, before his Professorship at the University, Principal of the Hebrew Teachers' College at Bet Hakerem.

Public Life But David Yellin's career was not solely educational and academic. He took an active part in public life in cultural, administrative and political fields. His thorough command of Arabic and good relations with Arab neighbours qualified him for selection as representative of the Jewish community in mixed governing bodies like the Jerusalem Municipality and the General District Council of the Turkish Government in

Jerusalem. Under the British Mandate, together with Aaron Eisenberg the founder of Rehovot and Chaim Kalivsky (who devoted his life to the improvement of Jewish-Arab relations), he was appointed member of the Advisory Council which was set up by Sir Herbert Samuel, the first High Commissioner.

Prior to that he represented the Yishuv on its delegation to the Versailles Peace Conference where, jointly with Eisenberg and Meir Disengoff, the "father" of Tel Aviv, he put forward with dignity the claims of the Jewish population of Palestine. He later represented Jewish interests on the Municipality of Jerusalem as City Councillor and Vice-President, while his value to the Yishuv as a whole was finally recognized with his nomination as President of the Vaad Leumi.

I had the privilege of knowing David Yellin from childhood, for he was a friend and contemporary of my father, I.D. Frumkin, for 40 years editor and publisher of "Ha-vazelet". When my parents left the Old City in 1906 for more modern quarters we were neighbours in Abyssinian street. Opposite us was the Bezalel School, just established by Professor Schatz. Our neighbourhood became the Jerusalem equivalent of the "Quartier Latin", for it was the centre for students of Bezalel and the nearby Hilfsverein Schools. The home of David Yellin and his energetic and hospitable wife, Eta, daughter of the Hebrew writer and thinker I.M. Pines, was a favourite meeting place for many young intellectuals, particularly those who came to Jerusalem from Jaffa and the colonies. This opportunity should not be allowed to pass without paying tribute to Mrs. Yellin, who was not only a source of advice and inspiration to her husband but earned honours and credit of her own in the many fields of her social activities.

Soon the new residential quarter of Zichron Moshe was built by the aid of the Sir Moses Montefiore Fund, which Yellin represented in Jerusalem, and he and my father both moved there.

Political Activities We first engaged in common political activities when both he and I became members of the Jerusalem Committee of the Young Turk Party, "Union of Progress," shortly after the overthrow of Sultan Abdul Hamid. Together with all the other national groups which formed part of the heterogeneous Ottoman Empire, the Jewish population of Palestine, small as its numbers were, rejoiced at the change in the Turkish regime. Fostering hopes that under the Young Turk they would find more understanding for the claims of the Yishuv, the whole population engaged in all sorts of festivities celebrating the Revolution, and those few

Nevertheless, it is not unusual for a small percentage to return to their country of origin, but quite unusual to ask the Jewish Agency to pay their return expenses. I am positive that the remaining 95 per cent of the Indians happily settled in various parts of Israel will share my views that it was most unbecoming for this small group of misguided and disillusioned persons to abuse Mahatma Gandhi's principles.

Yours, etc., YOSEF BEN YAACOV Kibbutz Afikim, December 10.

Pen Pals I am 16 years old and still at school. I am interested in Russian and being to the Hahomim Movement in London. I'm also interested in films, books, ballet, music, classical jazz and sports. I would like a pen friend in Israel (preferably a boy). Write to: Fox 189 Sandringham Rd., London E.8, England.

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